Sirs: Regarding CW as a requirement for HF operation. I am 2 months short of my 75th birthday. When I was a Boy Scout, we had the option of several types of communication skills for a merit badge. Upon investigating Morse Code, I discovered - "dit, dit" represented "I" going further "dit, dit" was a "T". This was utter nonsense, so I reverted to Deaf sign language which I learned in less than 20 minutes.

Now it seems to me- If folks want to use Morse, more power to them, however with SSB such as it is - enables one to Xmit just as well without reverting to such an antiquated system.

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